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China clay deposits in North Malabar and South Kanara.

* 158 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any investigation was made in North Malabar and South Kanara districts to know the extent of China clay occurrences;

(*b*) if so, the recommendations made by the investigating officer; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of his report? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes; Sir.

" (*b*) The Geologist deputed by the Geological Survey of India, selected six sites (five in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district and one in Malabar district) for putting down trial borings to ascertain the occurrence of the deposits. Out of these, only four were accessible for power drills. Borings were therefore put down at the four sites in the Kasaragod taluk. After examining the samples, the Geologist reported that they were only " lithomarges " and *not* China clay. As the results were not thus satisfactory, no further investigations were carried out.

" (*c*) The report has been published at pages 1–2 of the Supplement to Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th May 1953. So, it is not considered necessary to place copies of the report on the table of the House."

Grievances of village officers of Malabar.

* 159 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 21st November 1953, from the Malabar District Village Officers' Association regarding their grievances including increase of pay and allowance, etc.; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No such memorandum has been received."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" The memorandum was given by the Association to the Hon. Chief Minister when he came to Malabar. I know that very well. So the answer given by the Hon. Minister is wrong."

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The hon. Member says that the memorandum was given in the stress of a tour. I do not know where it has gone in transit."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" When Hon. Ministers receive memoranda during their tour, in what way do they give a decent burial to the memoranda? "